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**REQUEST  
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<b>Application Number</b>	10/765,997
<b>Filing Date</b>	January 29, 2004
<b>Examiner Name</b>	Jason R. Bellinger
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<b>Group Art Unit</b>	3617
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	SN-US035209

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	<b>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</b>
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>
b.	Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</li> <li>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
3.	<b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed to cover the filing fee 790.00.
c.	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Shinpei OKAJIMA

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: Examiner: Jason R. Bellinger

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the July 13, 2005 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-20 are pending, with claims 1, 2 and 16 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

 No additional fee is required.

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<b>INDEP</b> 3	- 3	= 0	x 100 = \$		x 200 = \$	
<u>[ ] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM</u>			+ 180 = \$		+ 360 = \$	
			<b>TOTAL</b> \$		<b>TOTAL</b> \$	

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- Any additional excess claim fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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